

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for  
AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES  
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Date:** March 13, 2002

**Place:** Room 118

**Convened:** 10:32 AM    **Adjourned:** 11:28 AM

**Present:** Senators Gaskill-CH, Sexton-VC, Black-RM, Fink  
Representatives Drake-CH, Mertz-RM, Baudler, Eddie, Hahn, May, Quirk,  
Schrader

**Excused:** Senator Greiner  
Representative Kettering

Senator Thurman Gaskill called the meeting to order in Room 118, on Wednesday, March 13, 2002 at 10:32 AM.

The roll was called and Senator Sexton moved to approve the minutes as distributed.

Senator Gaskill introduced Secretary of Agriculture, Patty Judge, and invited her to discuss the budget figures from the Department of Agriculture. Secretary Judge provided handouts and reviewed information included therein. Questions and discussion from committee members followed her presentation.

Senator Gaskill thanked Secretary Judge for her presentation, and commended her department for efforts to stretch reduced staff in covering responsibilities.

Secretary Judge expressed appreciation to the co-chairmen for past efforts in maintaining the Agriculture budget.

Senator Gaskill announced that the date for the next meeting has not been determined.

Senator Sexton moved the committee arise at 11:28.

Gerry Gaskill, Secretary